

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the Abstract of the Invention, on page 19, with the following amended Abstract:

A remote control system capable of detecting detects an operating status of various devices through the Internet at in real time is provided. A remote controller, (20) which enables a terminal device to control an operation of the a device (30a,...) through a network (100), acquires and stores a latest address of the device ~~for the network~~ by communicating with the device at predetermined time intervals through the network. [,] ~~stores the address, transmits a~~ A status notification request to ~~the device through the network~~ while referring to the stored address[,] is transmitted through the network. In response, the remote controller receives status information from the device, stores the status information received from the device, and transmits the stored status information ~~on the~~ device to the terminal device (10) through the network.